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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: WITHDRAWAL OF GREEK STAFF OFFICERS FROM SHAPE

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED BY MISSION FROM GEN SEITH'S OFFICE, SHAPE, WAS COMMUNICATED TO SYG LUNS BY CHAIRMAN, NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE (HILL-NORTON) 1200Z JULY 21.

A. GREEK NATIONAL MIL REP INFORMED SHAPE THAT GREECE INTENDS TO PULL GREEK STAFF OFFICERS OUT OF SHAPE, AND REQUESTED SHAPE ASSISTANCE TO ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION TO BRUSSELS FOR FURTHER TRANSFER TO GREECE.

B. INDICATIONS EXIST THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO TURN THIS AROUND.

C. GREEK OFFICERS AT SHAPE HAVE EXPRESSED STRONG SENTIMENTS
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TO PROTECT THE ALLIANCE AND NOT BE PULLED OUT OF STAFF ASSIGNMENTS AT SHAPE.

D. SENIOR GREEK OFFICER ON SHAPE STAFF (NAVY CAPTAIN)

DISCUSSED THIS SITUATION WITH THE CHIEF OF THE GREEK NAVY WHO SAID HE HAD COUNSELED AGAINST PULLING OUT OF SHAPE BUT HAD BEEN OVERRULED BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT. HE WILL TRY AGAIN IN THE CAUSE OF PUTTING THE ALLIANCE TOGETHER AFTER THE FLAP DIES DOWN.

E. DEP SACEUR HAS DISCUSSED THE SITUATION WITH THE GREEK NATIONAL MIL REP AT SHAPE WHO IS SENDING A MESSAGE TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE GREEK ARMED FORCES. THIS MSG WILL REQUEST THE GREEK OFFICERS REMAIN.

2. LUNS HAS RECEIVED AGREEMENT FROM GREEK PERM REP (CHORAFAS) TO RECOMMEND TO AUTHORITIES THAT AT MINIMUM GREECE LEAVE FAMILIES AND SMALL NUMBER OF OFFICERS IN PLACE AT SHAPE.

3. LUNS WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE FROM CHORAFAS WHETHER INSTRUCTION WAS FROM GREEK GOVERNMENT OR FROM GREEK MILITARY AUTHORITIES. LUNS INDICATED CHOROFAS IS RECEIVING PRACTICALLY NO INFORMATION OR GUIDANCE FROM ATHENS.
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